

BA - 2283

Pre-1888

Gundry Cottage (Site)

Public

Rosewood Hospital Center

Owings Mills

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This building was demolished in 1960.

See also MHT archeological inventory, site number 18-BA-300.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. BA-2283  
Magi No. 0422836527  
DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GUNDRY COTTAGE (SITE)

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Rosewood Hospital Center ☐ not for publication

city, town Owings Mills ☐ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 301 West Preston St. telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☒ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The building known as Gundry Cottage was a mid to late nineteenth century frame farmhouse which was standing on the property bought for use by the Maryland State Asylum and Training School for the Feeble Minded in 1888. It was a two-story, three-bay gable-roofed, frame house built on a T plan with a one-story polygonal bay at each gable end. A one-story, shed-roofed porch with turned posts extended across the south (entrance) facade. A later two-story, gable-roofed wing, also built on a T plan, was attached to the north end of the cottage. The windows in the old section had 2/2 sash; those in the new section had 8/8 sash.

The building was located north-west of Pembroke Cottage.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500-1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600-1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/
___ 1700-1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ humanitarian
<u>X</u> 1800-1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
___ 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1889 (addition) **Builder/Architect** J. Crawford Neilson (addition)

check: Applicable Criteria: X A \_\_\_ B X C X D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

Level of Significance: \_\_\_ national X state \_\_\_ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Gundry Cottage was the oldest building at Rosewood and the only one which pre-existed the founding of Rosewood in 1888.

In December 1888, the Board of Visitors negotiated the purchase of 185 acres at Owings Mills near the Reisterstown turnpike and one mile from the Owings Mills station of the Western Maryland Railroad. On the property was a frame farmhouse, "formerly the residence of Dr. Wood" and two small tenant houses.

The Board reported:

The land is beautifully situated, is well watered, a part under good cultivation and a part in woodland. The house, an excellent dwelling home, is not large and cannot accommodate many.

The Board's report to the Lunacy Commission in 1889 gave a more complete description of the original building at Rosewood.

(It is) of two stories and an attic which has lately been enlarged by the addition of two stories, is partly brick, partly frame. On the first floor is the parlor, executive office, dining and recreation rooms, and kitchen. The second floor and attic are for sleeping rooms and are divided into two departments- one for the males and other for females. There are two baths and two water closets.

This building was soon named Gundry Cottage after Dr. Richard Gundry, the first superintendent of the asylum and was in use until razed in 1960. Until 1905 it served as the Administration Building. In that year the present Administration Building was completed, and the former superintendent's office, converted into an infirmary. In 1889 the Board decided to enlarge the building by adding a dining room wing, exercise room and dormitory space at a cost of \$1,849. The design of the addition is attributed to the architect J. Crawford Neilson. When Pembroke Cottage was completed in 1892, the male patients were moved out of Gundry Cottage into the new building. Gundry remained a girls dormitory for most of its history.

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**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

Letter	Percentage
A	10
B	10
C	10
D	10
E	10
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H	10
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J	10
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S	10
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X	10
Y	10
Z	10



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 Rosewood Hospital Center  
 Owings Mill, Maryland  
 Reisterstown Quad.  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale - 1:24,000

5.2 MI. TO MD. 25

2 MI. TO MD. 25

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Negatives at MHT

*Gundry*

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